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Re: Ex parte presentations in IB Docket No. 02-54.

I ~~am~~ providing an original and one copy of the attached summary of an ex parte discussion, pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, for inclusion in the referenced docket.

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Summary

At the January 9, 2002, meeting of U.S. Working Party 4A, Karl Kensinger of the FCC made a brief presentation concerning informal contacts from the United Kingdom concerning proposed revisions to ITU Recommendation 1003E. That recommendation concerns end of life disposal of satellites in the geostationary orbit. Mr. Kensinger indicated that the UK is considering proposing that the ITU recommendation, which specifies a recommended disposal orbit with a perigee no less than 300 kilometers above the geostationary altitude, should be modified. The proposed modification would reflect more recent work by the Interagency Debris Coordinating Committee (IADC), whose memberships includes the space agencies of the major space-faring nations. The IADC recommendation became final in November 2002.

During the course of the discussion, Mr. Vu Phan of Boeing indicated that the Satellite Industry Association (**SIA**) has filed comments in IB Docket No. 02-54, suggesting that the FCC adopt an end-of life disposal criteria of either the IADC recommendation, or the 300 kilometer disposal altitude. Mr. Kensinger indicated that he had been unable to discern from the SIA comments **SIA** views as to the reason for retaining the 300 kilometer criteria. He also indicated that the IADC recommendation was intended to provide a more rigorous technical basis for disposal decisions. Mr. Phan indicated that it appears that the IADC formula could result in potential minimum recommended disposal altitudes ranging from 245 kilometers to 435 kilometers. Mr. Phan and Mr. Jaime Londono of SES Americom indicated they would undertake to review this matter in the context of the **SIA**.